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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING THE ALIGNMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE GREEN INDUSTRY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) The Board of Trustees of
2 the Community-Technical Colleges shall require that green jobs
3 certificate and degree programs offered by each of the community-
4 technical colleges be uniformly named.

5 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) The Connecticut
6 Employment and Training Commission, in collaboration with the
7 Connecticut Energy Sector Partnership, shall annually solicit and
8 publicize information concerning efforts made by the institutions of
9 higher education in this state to promote the green industry, including
10 the development of new academic degree and certificate programs,
11 courses of instruction and initiatives made by such institutions to align
12 green jobs programs with employer needs.

13 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) Each regional vocational-

14 technical school and public institution of higher education shall
 15 develop, in such manner as the Commissioners of Education and
 16 Higher Education prescribe, agreements to share equipment required
 17 for students participating in green jobs certificate or degree programs
 18 or enrolled in a course of study concerning green jobs, including, but
 19 not limited to, solar photovoltaic installation.

20 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) Public institutions of higher
 21 education, in consultation with the regional work force development
 22 boards, shall support any efforts to develop career ladders and lattices
 23 in the green collar fields, particularly for those workers who gained
 24 entry into such fields as a result of funds made available pursuant to
 25 the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

26 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) The Department of Higher
 27 Education, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall
 28 annually prepare a list of every green jobs course and green jobs
 29 certificate and degree program offered by regional vocational-technical
 30 schools and public institutions of higher education and an inventory of
 31 green jobs related equipment used by such schools and institutions of
 32 higher education.

33 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) Staff of the Center for Clean
 34 Energy Engineering at The University of Connecticut and the Institute
 35 of Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University shall
 36 meet at least quarterly to discuss possible ways to collaborate on green
 37 initiatives. Staff of other public institutions of higher education and
 38 centers affiliated with such institutions of higher education that focus
 39 on clean or sustainable energy and that are located within the same
 40 geographic regions shall meet to develop collaborative efforts with
 41 regard to the green industry.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section

Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the alignment of postsecondary education and employment in the green industry.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]